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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY APRIL 17-19, 2004

This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for April 17-19, 2004. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

Ulkede Gundem / In Siirt, twenty people were sued by the Siirt public prosecutor for using "x, w and q" on their posters for Newroz Day.

Ulkede Gundem / In Van and Hakkari, military officials requested photographs from all local residents.

Turkiye / DEHAP Diyarbakir Head Celalettin Birtane was detained by the police for praising PKK in one of his open speeches to the public.

ECONOMIC

Hurriyet Cukurova / Hatay Governor Abdulkadir Sari announced a new dam project between Syria and Turkey.

Yeni Safak / In Anamur, Mersin, Alakopru Dam will provide drinking water for Northern Cyprus when completed.

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